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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR

TAGS: PTER, PREL, KS, KN, US

SUBJECT: MOFA CONSIDERS NEXT STEPS IN KAL CASE

REFS: A) SEOUL 468; B) STATE 11838

1. SECRET - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY. [REDACTED] ASKED DCM JAN. 15 FOR USG THOUGHTS ON TAKING KAL CASE TO U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL AND/OR ICAO. HE ALSO HOPED OUR PUBLIC STATEMENT COULD BE FIRMLY POSITIVE REGARDING THE EVIDENCE OF NORTH KOREAN GUILT. DCM NOTED OUR INTEREST IN A DETAILED INTERVIEW, BUT OFFERED THE THOUGHT THAT FOR PURPOSES OF CORROBORATION OF "MAYUMI'S" CONFESSION, IT WOULD BE BETTER

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IF U.S. WERE NOT THE SOLE VOICE. [REDACTED] SEIZED THE IDEA AND PROMISED TO GET BACK TO US. [REDACTED]

END SUMMARY.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
REVIEW AUTHORITY: SAMUEL V SMITH
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3. [REDACTED] ASKED TO SEE DCM JAN. 15
TO DISCUSS NEXT STEPS IN KAL 858 CASE. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] AND POLCOUNS WERE ALSO PRESENT. [REDACTED] EXPRESSED
APPRECIATION FOR OUR QUICK ACTION IN CONVEYING THE ROKG'S
MESSAGE TO THE SOVIETS AND CHINESE. HE THEN SAID IT WAS
TIME TO CAST OUR ATTENTION ON FURTHER MEASURES. [REDACTED]

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4. MOFA WAS INCLINED TO THINK IN TERMS OF DIPLOMATIC
MEASURES SUCH AS TAKING THE MATTER TO THE U.N. SECURITY
COUNCIL, AS HAD BEEN DONE IN 1983 AFTER KAL 007. EVEN
RECOGNIZING THE LIKELIHOOD OF A SOVIET VETO, IT WOULD BE
THE MOST EFFECTIVE FORUM FOR EXPOSING AND CONDEMNING THIS
"DESPICABLE ACT." [REDACTED] IT MIGHT BE BETTER TO BRING
IT TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL WITH THE UK IN THE CHAIR.)
ANOTHER AND POSSIBLY CONCURRENT ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE TO
TAKE THE CASE TO ICAO -- EITHER THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AT
THE END OF FEBRUARY OR THE FEB. 9 MONTREAL CONFERENCE ON
AIR LAW. THE KOREAN AMBASSADOR IN OTTAWA HAD BEEN
INSTRUCTED TO GO TO MONTREAL TO DISCUSS THIS POSSIBILITY
WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF ICAO. CLARIFYING THAT NO DECISION
HAD BEEN TAKEN, [REDACTED] THE USG REACTION TO THESE
OPTIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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5. [REDACTED] THERE WERE OTHER ACTIONS THE ROKG MIGHT
LATER ON ASK THE USG TO TAKE: [REDACTED]

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6. [REDACTED] ASKED THE USG TO CONVEY THE GIST OF THE
ROKG'S FINDINGS TO BELGRADE AND BUDAPEST. HE WAS SEEING
THE AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR THE SAME DAY. [REDACTED] WE WOULD
ADVISE THOSE COUNTRIES, WHICH THE EVIDENCE CONFIRMED HAD
BEEN USED AS BASES FOR NORTH KOREAN AGENTS, TO TAKE
PRECAUTIONS AGAINST THOSE ACTIVITIES.

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7. REGARDING THE U.S. PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE (REF B)

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POLCOUNS HAD DISCUSSED WITH DIR GEN SHIN DOG-~~BYONG~~ EARLIER
IN THE DAY, [REDACTED] THE HOPE IT COULD BE MADE MORE
POSITIVE ON THE SUBJECT OF THE EVIDENCE'S CREDIBILITY.
DCM REPEATED POINT POLCOUNS HAD MADE EARLIER TO SHIN --
THAT WE HAD NOT HAD THE EVIDENCE LONG ENOUGH TO MAKE ANY
UNEQUIVOCAL STATEMENTS ABOUT IT RIGHT AWAY. [REDACTED]

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8. [REDACTED] RECALLED THAT REP. SOLARZ HAD OFFERED TO
SPONSOR A RESOLUTION OF CONDEMNATION. AMB. KIM WOULD BE

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INSTRUCTED IMMEDIATELY TO BRIEF THE CONGRESSMAN TO THAT END.

9. [REDACTED] B1
[REDACTED] HE ACKNOWLEDGED THE EMBASSY'S
REQUEST TO BE PRESENT AT THE PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT, BUT [REDACTED] B1
HAD MOVED IT EARLIER WITHOUT TELLING ANYONE AT MOFA. IT
HAD ALSO TOLD MOFA "MAYUMI" WOULD NOT APPEAR ON TV, BUT
SHE DID. HE PROMISED TO MAKE ANY ARRANGEMENTS WE DESIRED
TO MEET WITH MAYUMI. DCM EXPRESSED OUR INTEREST IN
SPEAKING WITH HER IN SOME DETAIL, BUT OBSERVED THAT THE
IMMEDIATE NEED WAS PROBABLY MORE FOR AN INDEPENDENT
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CORROBORATION OF HER PHYSICAL AND MENTAL CONDITION INSOFAR
AS IT MIGHT BEAR ON THE CREDIBILITY OF HER CONFESSION.
FOR THAT PURPOSE, IT MIGHT WELL BE MORE USEFUL TO HAVE A
GROUP OF DIPLOMATS, INCLUDING THE U.S., MEET WITH HER
RATHER THAN HAVE THE U.S. PRONOUNCE ON A MATTER IN WHICH
IT HAD NO DIRECT CONNECTION. [REDACTED] B1
[REDACTED]
SAID IT WAS AN INTERESTING AND USEFUL CONTRIBUTION THAT HE
WOULD TAKE TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER IMMEDIATELY.

10. [REDACTED] MAYUMI HAD SPOKEN WITH A PYONGYANG ACCENT B1
AND USED NORTH KOREAN WORDS, E.G., THE NORTH'S "INMIN"
RATHER THAN THE SOUTH'S "KUKMIN" FOR "CITIZENS." FURTHER,
HER PHYSICAL APPEARANCE WAS MUCH IMPROVED FROM WHEN HE HAD
FIRST SEEN HER IN MANAMA. DIPLOMATS WOULD BE QUICKLY
PERSUADED BY HER SPEECH AND LOOKS THAT SHE HAD SINCERELY
CONFESSED.

11. COMMENT. [REDACTED] B1

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[REDACTED]

IT APPEARS CLEAR THAT THE U.N. AND/OR
ICAO OPTION IS THE ONE WITH STEAM BEHIND IT, AND
DEPARTMENT'S AGREEMENT TO SUPPORT IT IS ALL MOFA NEEDS.
END COMMENT.

12. MOSCOW MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. LILLEY##

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